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IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF ONION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the onion produced in the country is facing a stiff competition from the Chinese onion;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the varieties of Indian onion produced in the country, State-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to improve the quality of the onion to face the challenge of Chinese onion and thus protect the interests of the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Onion exports from India are on higher scale as compared to China. During 2000-01 China exported 1.69 lakh MT of onion as compared to India`s export of 3.43 lakh MT.

(c): A statement indicating major onion producing States and major varieties grown is annexed (Annexure-I).

(d): Government of India implemented a scheme on Integrated Development of Vegetables including Roots and Tuber Crops for promoting improved cultivars of vegetables including onion, dissemination of improved technologies for production, Post Harvest Management and storage of onion. Besides, the scheme envisaged development of varieties of onion for meeting international competition. Since October 2000 the scheme has been subsumed in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro management of Agriculture − Supplementation/Complementation of States` Efforts through Work Plans. Under the scheme States have greater flexibility to prioritize their needs which includes growing improved varieties of onion.

Annesure-I

A statement indicating major onion Producing States and major varieties grown

State	Major Varieties grown
Andhra Pradesh	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red.
Bihar	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red, Patna Red, Pusa Red
Gujarat	Agricound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red , Pusa White flat, Pusa White Round, Udaipur-102
Madhya Pradesh	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red, Pusa Red, Agrifound White.
Maharashtra	Agrifound Dark Red Agrifound Light Red, N-2-4-1, Nasik Red, Baswant 780 Agrifound White
Orissa	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red, Pusa Red, Agrifound White
Rajasthan	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red, Pusa Red
Tamil Nadu	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red,CO1,CO2CO3,MDU-1,CO4, Agrifound Red
U.P.	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red, Pusa Red, Nasik Red, K.Red Round
Karnataka	Agrifound Rose, Arkabindu, Arkaniketan, Arkakalyan, Agrifound Linght Red, Agrifound Dark Red.
Haryana	Agrifound Light Red, Agrifound Dark Red, Pusa Redp, Hissar-2.
Himachal Pradesh	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red,
West Bengal	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red,
Punjab	Agrifound Dark Red, Agrifound Light Red, Punjab Red round, Pusa Red.
Assam	Agrifound Light Red, Pusa Red.